

# **Deam Lake State Recreation Area**

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

We sincerely hope that you enjoy your visit to Deam Lake State Recreation Area, and strive to provide a great outdoor experience for everyone. The following information is to help answer some of the questions you may have regarding the property, its daily operations, and several other visitor-pertinent topics.



### **Office Information**

The office at Deam Lake SRA is open from 8:00am-3:30pm seven days a week during the season. During the off-season, the same hours apply except on a Monday-Friday schedule.

The office phone number is (812)246-5421.

You can register to camp or purchase Annual Entrance Passes, Boat Launching Permits, Annual Horse Tags and Knobstone Trail Maps at the office or at a gatehouse.

### **Forest Education Center**

The Forest Education Center, located across the road from the office, is staffed by a full-time Naturalist and houses several displays and hands-on activities for kids and adults alike. Programs are offered on weekends, and program schedules can be found posted throughout the property, at the gatehouse(s), office, and Forest Education center. Operating hours for the Forest Education Center are 8:00am-3:00pm Wednesday & Thursday, and 11:00am-6:00pm Friday through Sunday. The Center is closed on Monday & Tuesday. For information on programs, you may call the office during regular operating hours at (812)246-5421, or just stop by. To contact our Naturalist directly via email, his email address is [rbrown@dnr.in.gov](mailto:rbrown@dnr.in.gov).



## **Campground Information**

Deam Lake SRA is home to both a Class "A" campground, and a Class "A" horse campground, each with unique policies and regulations. Check-In/Check-Out times for both campgrounds are 2:00pm Monday through Saturday, and 5:00pm on Sunday.

Pets are permitted throughout the property, except in the water (i.e. the beach). Dogs must be kept on a leash with a maximum length of 6 feet at all times, except when inside a tent or camper.

### **A.) Regular campground**

Each site in the campground is equipped with electric, and there is water every 200 feet. You may register at the gatehouse(s), the office, online at [www.camp.in.gov](http://www.camp.in.gov), or on the phone at 1-866-622-6746 (1-866-6CAMPIN).

### **B.) Horse Campground**

**Only campers with horses may camp in the horse campground.** There are two different kinds of sites in this campground, "regular" sites and "lake-side" (NH) sites. Each "regular" site comes equipped with a hitching rail. Stalls are for use by campers in the "lake-side" sites ONLY. Stalls cannot be purchased if you are on a "regular" site.

"Lake-Side" sites in the horse campground come with 2 stalls included in the price, as horses ARE NOT allowed on the actual site. If you need more than 2 stalls, you must purchase an additional site.

Horse Trail Maps can be found at the office or gatehouse(s).



## **Shelterhouse Policies**

Shelterhouses are available on a first-come-first-served basis. They are not available for reservations. You may not reserve a shelterhouse by simply posting a sign saying "Reserved".

There is no time limit on the time a shelterhouse is used, as long as property operating hours are observed.

Please clean up after yourself when finished using the shelterhouse facility. Trash cans are available at the shelterhouse.

## **Knobstone Trail**

The Knobstone Trail, or 'KT' is the longest foot trail in Indiana. Spanning nearly 60 miles of scenic state lands, the southernmost trailhead for the Knobstone Trail is located just outside of the Deam Lake property.

To access the trailhead, leave the property, and turn left on Wilson Switch Road (just after the Miller Cemetery). You will see the sign and parking lot for the KT on your left after about a half-mile.

KT Maps are available for purchase at the Deam Lake office.

Primitive overnight camping is permitted on the KT, as long as you set up camp at least 150 yards from the trail.

All other information can be found in the Knobstone Trail Map.

## **Closest Hunting/Fishing Resources**

Hunting and Fishing Licenses are not sold on the property. They can be purchased from the Hometown Express in Borden, approximately 5 miles North on Highway 60, or at any Wal-Mart or Bass Pro Shops.

Bait and other fishing supplies can be purchased at Four Seasons, approximately 1/2 mile South on Highway 60.





## **2010 Permit/Passes Rates**

Annual Entrance Pass: \$36.00      Non-Resident Annual Entrance Pass: \$46.00  
Golden Hoosier Annual Entrance Pass (for Indiana residents 65 and older): \$18.00  
Boat Launching Permits:    Motorized \$20.00      Non-Motorized \$5.00  
Annual Horse Tags: \$20.00      Daily Horse Tag: \$5.00  
Indiana Resident Daily Entrance, Fri.-Sun.: \$5.00/car  
Indiana Resident Daily Entrance, Mon.-Thurs.: \$4.00/car  
Non-resident Daily Entrance Pass: \$7.00/car  
Walk-In/Common Carrier Daily Entrance: \$2.00/per person

## **2010 Campground Rates**



### **Regular Campground**

Sunday-Wednesday: \$17.34 per night

Thursday-Saturday: \$25.50 per night

Holidays: \$28.56 per night

### **Horse Campground (Regular Sites)**

Sunday-Wednesday: \$20.40 per night

Thursday-Saturday: \$28.56 per night

Holidays: \$31.62 per night

### **Horse Campground (Lake-Side w/ 2 stalls )**

Sunday-Wednesday: \$35.38 per night

Thursday-Saturday: \$43.54 per night

Holidays: \$46.60 per night

**\*All prices include tax**

## **Other Campground Policies**

Holiday reservations must be at least 3 days in length, and weekend reservations must be at least 2 days in length.

All visitors (those not camping), must be off the property by 11pm, and campers must be registered by 11pm to stay that night.

**Bringing firewood from home is not permitted.** Due to the spread of the Emerald Ash Borer, it is not permitted to bring firewood onto the property. Firewood can be purchased from the Camp Host or at the gatehouse(s) for a fee of \$5 per 10 pieces.

### **Hunting Policy**

Licensed hunters may hunt during designated seasons in the wooded area extending to the North of the office all the way to the curve before the campground. Hunters must remain a minimum of 300 feet from roads and recreation areas.

### **Beach Policies**

The beach area is open from 8:00am until sundown.

Dogs are not permitted in the sand or water in the beach area.

Alcohol is not permitted in the beach area.

Boat rental is available at the beach house, and rates vary depending on the amount of time the boat is to be rented. Please consult the beach house/concessions clerk for prices.

There are no lifeguards on the beach; it is considered "Swim At Your Own Risk."

The beach area is equipped with grills, picnic tables (which are available based on a first-come-first-served basis), as well as two pit toilets.

### **Lake Policies**

Boaters with the proper registration and permits may be on the lake 24 hours a day.

Only non-motorized boats or boats with no more than an electric trolling motor may be on the lake.

Jet-skis and other gas powered boats are strictly prohibited.

In accordance with Indiana State Law, one life jacket must be in the boat for each passenger aboard.

Conservation Officers make regular patrols on the lake to ensure the enforcement of these policies.

